

ance of its various branches, that could be devoted to promoting immigration, should have met with slender success.

On the whole the prospect for the immediate introduction of immigrant laborers into the State is not encouraging. Yet it is evident that the difficulties in the way are not permanent or insurmountable. The ill-will which so long existed between the North and the South is passing away. Congress now rarely witnesses those assaults upon the South which were formerly so common. The papers and journals which cater to sectional hate grow fewer and fewer with every year. Prejudice in the minds of the people of the two sections lingers only among the surviving actors of the conflicts of the past; in the minds of the younger generation, who are now the principal actors in public affairs, broad, unsectional and thoroughly patriotic views to a great extent prevail—views which embrace the good of the country as a whole. The mistaken opinions in regard to the South, so long and so persistently inculcated, have in a great measure been abandoned. It is seen that life and property are as safe, and the laws as well executed here as anywhere. The bugbear about the degradation of labor has long ago been effectually put to flight by the promptness and spirit with which the young men of the South, whatever their previous habits or condition in life, addressed themselves to work, whether in the field, the mine or the workshop, or wherever an opening presented.

The colored laborers as a class have by their industry and their fidelity to their contracts, proven their right to the respect of all who respect labor, and the moral qualities almost always associated with it. Without further discussion of the matter we may fairly conclude, that the worst is now behind us; and that if the income of the Department should continue to be what it now is, the Board, after the pressure upon its funds occasioned by the purchase and fitting up of the Agricultural Department Building and premises is over, will be able to avail themselves, by measures more